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Civil War Returns to Sully Historic Site

During 1861 and 1862 both Confederate and Federal troops were seen at Sully. They requisitioned a wagon and team, livestock was taken and Maria Barlow sold them hay. Wounded were left at Sully after the Battle of Ox Hill. The early years of the Civil War will come alive again as Sully Historic Site hosts its annual weekend encampment on Saturday, August 19, 2006 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and on Sunday, August 20 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Skirmishes will occur both days and include cavalry and artillery. Visit the surgeon's tent and learn about medical practices of the time period. Costumed interpreters demonstrate the work of the army, including drill practice and rifle firing. Visitors fall in as recruits and learn marching maneuvers.

Civilian reenactors recreate the daily experiences of Northern Virginia residents during the early years of the Civil War. Visitors can watch or participate in period games, and enjoy music on the lawn performed by local duo, Evergreen Shade. On Saturday, see a parade of 19th century children's clothing at the fashion show and attend a book signing by local resident, Karla Vernon, as she introduces her new historical novel *The Spy in Crinoline-Antonia Ford's Civil War*.

The cost of the activities is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and children. Included in this program is a guided tour of the first and second floors of the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first congressman and uncle of Robert E. Lee. In the house see rarely exhibited 19th century artifacts from the Fairfax County collections. The last house tour begins at 4 p.m.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3601 Sully Road in Chantilly. Located on Route 28, ¼ miles north of Route 50, five miles north of Route 66 or five miles south of the Dulles Toll Road. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

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